

IN THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

Claims 1 to 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (previously presented): A pump comprising:

a flow-control valve device including a piston displaceably accommodated within a piston bore, the piston bore having at least one inflow channel and at least one outflow channel, and the piston having an axial inflow orifice and a plurality of radial, lateral outflow orifices and a circumferential outflow groove disposed between a first collar and a second collar, the second collar forming a control edge for an outflowing fluid flow,

the axial inflow orifice extending cylindrically at least to a beginning of the radial, lateral outflow orifices, and the circumferential outflow groove expanding in terms of a radial depth on an outer circumference of the piston towards the control edge.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the outflow groove expands in a conical form on a piston side and, as the result of a radially, inwardly directed arc, subsequently reaches a greatest depth in a region of the control edge.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The pump as recited in claim 8 wherein diameters of the radial outflow orifices extend from the axial, cylindrical inflow orifice into the radially, inwardly directed arc in the control edge region.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the piston includes a third collar.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the first and second collars have circumferential pressure-equalization grooves.

Claim 12 (canceled).

Claim 13 (previously presented): The pump as recited in claim 7 wherein the pump is a power-steering pump.